

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (previously presented): An aqueous soil treatment composition consisting essentially of water and, in solution,

(a) an ionic, water-soluble fertilizer in an amount of at least 10 wt.%, and

(b) a water-soluble anionic polymer which has intrinsic viscosity of from 9 to 12 dl/g and is formed from water-soluble monomer blend comprising 60 to 80 wt.% anionic monomer and from 40 to 20 wt.% nonionic monomer, the composition having a viscosity of not more than 4,000 cps, wherein the aqueous soil treatment composition is suitable for being processed in dosing equipment which is in place for processing solutions of fertilizer alone and the aqueous soil treatment composition stabilizes and fertilizes the soil.

2-5. (cancelled).

6. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 in which the polymer (b) is a copolymer of acrylamide with an alkali metal salt of acrylic acid.

7. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 in which the polymer (b) is present in an amount of from 2 to 5 wt.% based on the total weight of the aqueous soil treatment composition.

8. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 in which the fertilizer (a) is present in an amount of from 20 to 60 wt.%.

9. (cancelled).

10. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 which has a viscosity of from 200 to 500 cps.

11. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 in which the polymer (b) has been added to the composition in the form of a powder.

12-16. (cancelled).

17. (previously presented): A composition according to claim 1 which has a viscosity of not more than 1,000 cps.